

HOUSE RESOLUTION 278
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate John L. Armstead, Sr. and Lue Elma Durden Armstead on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help special citizens celebrate milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 1946, John L. Armstead, Sr. and Lue Elma Durden were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Armstead are residents of Shelby County and have been highly respected citizens of the greater Memphis community for over 46 years; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 1943, John Armstead entered the service of his country in the United States Army; because this country was in the midst of World War II, he was shipped overseas; and

WHEREAS, in the historic battle centered around the Rhine River, John drove the third tank across the Rhine River, forcing the Germans to retreat; and

WHEREAS, he was discharged from the Army January 11, 1946, and married his sweetheart that year; and

WHEREAS, the Armsteads were married in the backyard of Lue's father; they resided in Sardis, Mississippi until 1950 when they moved to Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Armstead, Sr. was a valuable employee of Central Soya Company for 34 years before his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lue Armstead has retired from Memphis City Schools cafeterias; she worked faithfully for Ford Road Elementary School for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Armsteads are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced 8 children, each of whom has made his or her mark on the world and is highly successful in their own right; and

WHEREAS, the Armsteads are delighted to be called Grandpa and Grandma by their 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Armstead's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John L. Armstead as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.